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SUBJECT: TERRORISTS IN BERLIN JAILS

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1. THERE ARE NOW 22 HARD-CORE ANARCHIST TERRORISTS IN BERLIN JAILS, ANY OF WHOM COULD BE OBJECTIVES OF ANOTHER TERRORISTS OPERATION. GENERALLY THEY ARE HERE AS RESULT OF CRIMES COMMITTED IN BERLIN AND ARREST WARRANTS ISSUED BY BERLIN AUTHORITIES OR TRIALS CONDUCTED HERE. ALL SUCH PRISONERS WOULD NORMALLY REMAIN HERE BUT BERLIN AUTHORITIES HAVE LONG TRIED TO ARRANGE TRANSFER OF SOME PRISONERS TO FRG PRISONS IN ORDER TO REDUCE UNDESIRABLE CONCENTRATION IN BERLIN. TENTATIVE AGREEMENT HAS NOW BEEN REACHED ON TRANSFER OF THREE PRISONERS TO FRG.

2. SENAT TOLD US IN JANUARY (USBERLIN 112) THEY HAD GIVEN UP ON EFFORTS TO TRANSFER PRISONERS BUT WOULD NOTIFY US OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. WE LEARNED APRIL 9 THAT TWO WEEKS AGO JUSTICE AUTHORITIES REQUESTED SENAT INTERIOR DEPARTMENT TO MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFER OF ONE PRISONER. INTERIOR WAS ALSO INFORMED OF POSSIBLE LATER MOVE OF TWO
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OTHERS BUT DID NOT INFORM POLICE OR ALLIES.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING OUR CONVERSATION WITH JUSTICE, WE LEARNED THAT INTERIOR CALLED POLICE TO PASS INFO THAT ONE FEMALE PRISONER WOULD BE MOVED ASAP (PROBABLY NEXT WEEK) TO FRANKFURT BY COMMERCIAL FLIGHT IF AIRLINE AGREEABLE AND PRISONER DOES NOT RAISE STRONG OBJECTION WHICH COULD LEAD TO ATTEMPTS TO INTERFERE WITH THE AIRCRAFT. THERE ARE NO SPECIFIC PLANS YET FOR THE OTHER TWO. SENAT APPARENTLY INTENDS TO CONSULT ALLIES ONLY IF THEIR PLAN TO USE NORMAL SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT FAILS AND THEY FEEL THEY NEED ALLIED ASSISTANCE. WE TOLD POLICE THAT ALLIES WOULD NOT LIKE TO BE FACED WITH URGENT REQUEST AND SHORT DEADLINE SUCH AS HAPPENED IN MEINHOF CASE (USBERLIN 2230 OF DEC 7, 1974 AND PREVIOUS).

3. JUSTICE ALSO INFORMED US THERE ARE NO PLANS TO TRANSPORT BERLIN PRISONERS TO STUTTGART FOR BAADER-MEINHOF TRIAL BEGINNING IN MAY. IF BERLIN PRISONERS WERE NEEDED AS WITNESSES, IT WOULD ONLY BE TOWARD END OF WHAT IS EXPECTED TO BE EXTREMELY LONG TRIAL.

4. PRISONERS DESCRIBED PARA 1 DO NOT INCLUDE THE MANY KNOWN OR SUSPECTED SYMPATHIZERS, SOME OF WHOM PARTICIPATED IN HUNGER STRIKES OR HAVE OTHERWISE GIVEN SUPPORT. POLICE BELIEVE TERRORISTS NOT LIKELY TO DEMAND RELEASE OF THESE BECAUSE THEY ARE GENERALLY NOT CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH ANARCHISTS.

5. BERLIN PRISONERS ARE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

A. MOABIT REMAND PRISON:

HANS-JUERGEN BAECKER
ERIC GRUSDAT
WOLFGANG STRUEKEN
SOENKE LOEFFLER
WOLFGANG WESSLAU

B. TEGL PRISON;

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PAUL KUEPPERS
HEINRICH JANSEN
DIETER ZIELKE
HORST MAHLER
WILLI RAETHER
BERNHARD BRAUN

C. MOABIT WOMEN'S PRISON:

ANNETTE VO WEDEL
BRIGITTE ASDONK
IRENE GOERGENS
ILSE JANDT
BRIGITTE MOHNHAUPT
MONIKA BERBERICH
INGRID SCHUBERT
ANNEROSE REICHE

D. PLOETZENSEE JUVENILE PRISON;

HEINZ BROCKMANN
JUERGEN BODEUX
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